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In re the Application of:

Yoshihiro WATANABE

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For: PATH SETTING CONTROL METHOD AND SWITCHING SYSTEM

AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed February 11, 2004, and having a period for response set to expire on May 11, 2004.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.